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ALLIES ARE 12 MILES UP THE DARDANELLES

Fort Dardanus on the Asiatic Side Has Been Silenced ---Weather Retards Work of Allied Fleet

AGREEMENT TO GIVE RUSSIA FREE PASSAGE

Has Been Reached by Great Britain, France and Russia-Russians Preparing New Offensive Operations to Follow Up Their Success in Checking German Advance in Northern Poland-On the Black Sea the Muscovites Have Occupied the Port of Khopa, Considered of Great Military Importance—In France and Belgium Storms Have Hindered Operations.

The operations of the Anglo-French fleet in the Dardanelles have been interrupted again by unfavorable weother, but considerable progress is indicated by an Athens despatch which reports that Fort Dardanus, twelve miles up the straits on the Asiatic side, has been silenced.

That an agreement which will give Russia free passage of the Dardanelles has been reached between Great Britain, France and Russia is the assertion made by a Paris newspaper,
There also are reports of rioting and panics in Constantinople and unsuccessful attempts to assassinate the

successful attempts to assassinate the Turkish ministers of war and the in-

Turkish ministers of war and the interior.

Details of the recent fighting in the eastern war zone are lacking, but the Russians claim to be preparing new offensive operations to follow up their success in checking the German advance in northern Poland. The Russian army of the Caucasus has occupied the port of Khopa, on the Black sea, which has been considered of great military importance to the Turks.

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Ittle to report.

A statement issued by the French government, denying that the Germans have fewer men in the western war theater now than in January gives fig-ures which indicate that there are 1,880,000 Germans on the western front and 2,080,000 Germans and Austrians on the eastern front.

on the eastern front.

The American ambassador at Berlin has received Germany's reply to the American note concerning the naval war zone. It is "an acceptance with a few modifications" of the American from Admiral Dewa that the report concerning him was groundless. part(-

The plan of Great Britain and her allies whereby they will attempt to cut off supplies from Germany and at the same time prevent commodities from leaving German ports, has been an-nounced and communicated to the United States. This action is in retaliation for the declaration of Germany of a war zone and while details have not been made public, it is noted that no mention is made in the official statement of a blockade of con-

It is considered almost certain in l quarters at Washington that a it will be made against the action of the allied nations, which is regarded as an unprecedented and novel step and one likely to work injury to commerce between the United States and the countries with which she is

at peace.

The British parliament has voted the total sum of \$1,810,000,000 asked for by Premier Asquith for the prosecution of the war covering the ex-penses of the current year up to the end of the present month and, in his speech in the house of commons, the British prime minister, after discussing the proposed reprisals of the allies against Germany, made reference to "whispers of peace," saying that it was not time to talk of peace—that this time would arrive only when the great purposes of the allies were in sight of accomplishment."

NO EASY TASK TO REACH CONSTANTINOPLE Question Dominates Military Situation on Sea and Land.

London, March 1, 101.10 p. m.—The operations of the allied fleet in the Dardanelles, as perhaps presaging quick developments in the Balkan situation, dominates the military situation on sea and land. The more optimistic minds expect Constantinople to fall, but there is a noticeable disposition to realize that the ships face no easy task, notwithstanding the 20-mile. task, notwithstanding the 20-mile range of the super-dreadnought Queen

Whether any progress has been made since the outer forts were demolished has not been made known officially, a statement issued tonight saying that a gale from the northeast is sweeping rain and mist before it, hindering the operations and mitigating against long range firing and making it extremely hazardous, if not impossible, for aero-planes to take wing from the ships for observations which are so necessary to direct the fire. The interest which the British people are taking in these operations is evidenced by the frequent official statements regarding

HOW GERMAN ARMIES

ARE DISTRIBUTED

2,080,000 Germans and Austrains East, 1,880,000 Germans in West.

Paris, March 1, 4:14 p. m.—"It is untrue that the Germans have fewer men on the allies front noy than they had in January," says an official note which was issued today, dealing with the distribution of German forces on the French and Russian fronts.

"Only one German army corps was taken from the alles front and this was replaced later by other forma-tions. It is true that Field Marchal ried out with strong reinforcements, but these were made up of new formations and those taken from actions. but these were made up of new forma-tions and those taken from sections last night in his 77th year. He had along the eastern front.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR

NO TTO BE RECALLED. Secretary Bryan Says Rumors About Count Von Bernstoff are Groundless.

Washington, March 1.-Commenting n a published report that Count Von Bernstoff, the German ambassa-tor, was to be recalled, and another newspaper statement purporting to quote Admiral Dewa of Japan as criticizing the American government for lack of courtesy during his visit here, Secretary Bryan today outhoriz-

ed the following statement:
"I greatly regret that the newspapers should take liberties with persons representing foreign governments
in this country." in this country.' Mr. Bryan said that the state de-partment had also information con-cerning the Bernstoff report. He add1

TO BLOCKADE ENEMIES. Premier Asqquith Says Action Forced as Measure of Self Defense.

London, March 1, 10.10 p. m.—If the ombined fleets of Great Britain and France can prevent it, no commodities of any kind except those now on the seas shall henceforth, until the cessation of the war, reach or leave the shores of Germany. This is England's answer to Ger-

many's submarine blockade and it is effective forthwith. Premier Asquith, reading from prepared statement, made the state-ment in the house of commons this afternoon at a session which will be c. Studiously avoiding the "blockade" and "contraband" for these words occur nowhere in the prepared statement—the premier ex-plained that after this day the allies considered themselves justified in at-tempting and would attempt to "de-tain and take into port ships carrying goods of presumed enemy destination,

that vessels and cargoes so seized were not necessarily liable to confiscation and begged the patience of neutral countries in the face of a step through which they were likely to suffer. He added that in making such a step the allies had done so in self-defence.

"We are quite prepared," he went on, "to submit to the arbitrament of neutral opinion and still more to the ver-dict of impartial history, that in the circumstances we have been placed, we have been moderate; we have been restrained; we have abstained from things that we were provoked and tempted to do and we have adopted a policy which commands itself to reason, to common sense and to tustice

wnership or origin."

The premier emphasized, however,

RAIN AND SNOW HAMPERS WAR MOVEMENTS IN FRANCE Statement Claims They Hav

son, to common sense and to justice.

Maintained Positions. Paris, March 1, via London, March 2 12.05 a, m.—The following official communication was issued by the French "Hain and snow storing have influenced optrations at many points on the front. In Champagne we repulsed to the north of Mesnil, strong counterattacks and maintained all of our attacks and maintained all of our things heavy 'Rain and snow storms have hind-

gains of yesterday, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. "In the same region we have made fresh progress. Near Point-a-Mous-son in the forest of Le Pretre, we carried a blockhouse. "At Suitezeren Sultezeren (Sulzern) northwest

of Munster (Alsace) we repulsed an attack of considerable strength on In both affairs we captured prison In Mertmanns-Weilokopf we have

kept the ground gained by us in spite of German counter-attacks." Steamship Drifting in Mid-Ocean. New York, March 1 .- An unidentified steamship was drifting last week with all propellor blades shorn off, near the middle of the Atlantic, according to the log of the American line steamer New York, which reached here today from Liverpool.

Circus Dwarf Dead.

Cable : aragraphs Guti .ez Willing to Surrender. Vera Cruz, March 1 .- An afternoo paper published a report that Eulalio Gutierrez, former provisional presi-dent of the Mexican republic, has ex-

essed t oGeneral Pablo Gonzalez his ilingness to surrended unconditional-to General Carranza. American Military Attache Recalled. Berlin, March 1, via London, 7.40 p n.—Major George T. Langhorne, mil-

itary attache at the American embassy, has been recalled to Washington for duty with the general staff and was received by the emperor today at a farewell audience. Lieutenant Colonel Joseph E. Kuhn, one of the American army officers who have been observing at the Cormon front. observing at the German front, will act as military attache until the arrival of Major Langhorne's successor.

WOMEN ACTIVE IN BELGIAN RELIEF WORK Concerted Movement Has Been Be-

gun in New York State. New York, March 1 .- A concerted novement has been begun among the vomen of New York state active in Belgian relief work to obtain large contributions of food and other sup-plies to be sent to Belgium on the state ships Harpalyce and St. Kentigern, it was announced today by Mrs. Lindon W. Bates, chairman of the wonan's section of the commission for relief in Belgium. The Harpalyce will sail Saturday from this port. The St. Kentigern will not sail until early in

April.

Mrs. Bates stated that the woman's section of the commission had just perfected women's county committees throughout New York state and that forcements of six army corps. The she had met enthusiastic response in total number of German corps on the eastern from is 30, to which should be added Austrian forces numbering 22.

"On the French front the Germans have 47 army corps. These figures have not varied since December."

It became known today that 2,000 became known today

An army corps consists, of 40,000 bags of flour valued at \$18,000 consigned to the Harpalyce, sank alongside the vessel yesterday. This shipment, ment indicate that there are 2,080,000 it was stated, will be made up from front and 1,880,000 Germans on the

MYSTERIOUS MURDER AND SUICIDE IN PHILADELPHIA Brought to Light by Mysterious Telephone Call from New York.

Philadelphia, March 1.—A mysteri-ous telephone call from New York to-night inquiring whether there had been an accident at a prominent hotel here, brought to light an equally mysterious murder and suicide in one of the rooms of the hotel. A couple who had registered as Charles C. St. Clair and wife, New York, were found dead in their apartments and when the man on the New York end was given a description of the dead woman, he exclaimed that she was his wife, adding that he would come to Philadelphia immediately and hung up the receiver. The woman's body, with two bullet wounds, was found in the bathtub and that of her companion was on the floor of the sleeping apartment. In his hand he clutched a revolver with his hand he clutened a level, the police said, that he shot the woman then ended his own life.

REMENDOUS COST

OF MODERN WARFARE. Premier Asquith Says It is Costing Allies \$7,500,000 Daily.

London, March 1 .- The tremendou cost of modern warfare which Premier ful traders and non-combatant crews Asquith estimated now at \$7,500,000 with the avowed object of preventing to \$,500,000 or more daily by April, food for the civil population from was the theme of that part of the reaching or leaving the British Isles to \$,500,000 or more daily by April, food for the civil was the theme of that part of the reaching or leaving premier's address in the house of com- r northern France. mons not dealing with the blockade. He gave these figures in asking for a supplementary vote of credit, making a total of 362,000,000 pounds of sterling (\$1,810,000,000) to prosecute th war to March 31, 1915, which the house

unanimously granted.

The entire struggle with Napoleon cost England only \$1,831,000,000 pounds and the South African war only 211. 000,000 pounds. There were Mr Asquith's figures,

Died on Eve of 108th Birthday. Bessemer, Ala., March 1.—Asa Good-win, said to be the oldest man in Alabama, dled here yesterday on the eve of his 108th birthday, of pneumonia Goodwin was born in Georgia in 1807 He has 74 grandchildren, 227 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great grandchildren.

turkey when 101.

To Organize National Banks, Washington, March 1.—Nineteen ap-plications to organize national banks were approved during February, acording to an announcement today by the comptroller of the currency. The total number of national banks doing business Feb. 27 was 7,610, with authorized capital of \$1.076,434,175, and outstanding circulation amounting to \$716,818,068.

New Counterfeit \$10 Note. Washington, March 1.—Chief Flynn of the secret service has issued a warning of the existence of a poor counterfeit of the existence of a poor counterfeit of the new \$10 national bank note on the Second National Bank of Boston, bearing the portrait of William McKinley. It is a photographic production, on which no attempt has been made to color the seal or numbering.

or numbering. Cotton Prices In Hamburg. Washington, March 1.—Ambassador Berard at Berlin notified the department of commerce today that cotton prices at Hamburg on Feb. 23 were 17 1-3 cents a pound for good middling. The Bremen weekly average was 17 1-6 cents a pound. 'The loss by exchange now amounts to 15 per cent. of this price," the ambassador said.

Association to Rebuild Belgian Towns Berlin, March 1, by Wireless to Say ville.—There has been formed in Brus sels, according to the Overseas News agency, a new association called the Union Des Villes, the object of which is the rebuilding of Belgian towns. It is headed by prominent Belgians. The German governor general has promised the association full facilities for the carrying out of the work.

the carrying out of its work. Wild Engine Kills Engineer. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 1.—Har-ry Titzhal, engineer, was killed, and eight railroad employes injured, two seriously when a Rock Island switch engine, in charge of Titzhal ran wild here today and crashed into the rear of the Chicago and Northwestern fast mail train. None of the passeng-

British Defence of Granite Cutters Warfare at Sea Fight at Barre Vt.

NOTE VINDICATING BLOCKADE TWO FACTIONS OF UNION OF GERMAN COMMERCE.

RETALIATORY MEASURE STONES, BOTTLES USED

A Retaliatory Measure to Counteract Depredations of German Submarines -Seizure of Ships Will Be Made Without Endangering Neutrals,

Washington, March 1.-Following is the full text of the British note, with which that presented by the French ambassador is virtually identical: "Germany has declared that the English Channel, the north and west English Channel, the north and west coast of France and the waters around the British Isles are a war area and has officially notified that all enemy ships found in that area will be destroyed and that neutral vessels may be exposed to danger. This is in effect a claim to torpedo at sight, without regard to the safety of the crew or passengers any merchant vessel under passengers any merchant vessel under any flag. As it is not in the power of the German admiralty to maintain any surface craft in these waters, the at tack can only be delivered by sub marine agency.

Treatment of Merchant Vessels.

"The law and custom of nations in regard to attacks on commerce have always presumed that the first duty of the captor of a merchant vessel is to bring it before a prize court where may be tried, where the regularity the capture may be challenged and where neutrals may reover their car-goes. The sinking of prizes is in itself a questionable act to be resorted to only in extraordinary circumstances and after provision has been made for the safety of all the crew or pas-sengers. If there are passengers on board, the responsibility for discrim-inating between neutral and enemy vessels and between neutral and enemy cargo, obviously rests with the receipts for attacking ship, whose duty it is to \$83,356,622, verify the status and character of the Customs vessel and cargo and to preserve all papers before sinking or even cap-turing it. It also is the humans duty of providing for the safety of the crews of merchant vessels, whether neutral or enemy, an obligation upon

every belligerent. German Submarines Violate Precedent.

"It is upon this basis that all previ-ous discussions of the law for reglating war at sea have proceeded. A German submarine, however, fulfills none of these obligations; she enjoys no local command of the waters in which she operates; she does not take her captures within the jurisdiction of a prize court; she carries no prize crew which she can put on board a prize; she uses no effective means of discriminating between a neutral and an enemy vessel; she does not receive on board for safety the crew and passengers of the vessel she sinks; irely outside the scope of any international instruments regulating operations against commerce in time of war. The German declaration substitutes indiscriminate destruction for regulated capture. Germany is lopting these methods against peace-

Great Britain and France Will No Harm Neutral Ships.

Her opponents are therefore driven the to frame retaliatory measures in order in their turn to prevent commodities of any kind from reaching or leaving oleon Germany. These measures will how-nunds ever, be enforced by the British and 211.- French governments without risk to Mr. neutral ships or to neutral or non-combatant life and in strict observ-ance of the dictates of humanity. The British and French governments will therefore hold themselves free to de-tain and take into ports ships carrying goods presumed enemy destination, ownership or origin. It is not intend-ed to confiscate such vessels or cargoes unless they were otherwise lito condemnation.

Will Not Stop Ships Now in Transit. Mr. Goodwin formerly was a noted "The treatment of vessels and car-wild turkey hunter and killed his last goes which have sailed before this date will not be affected."

UNITED STATES MAY

PROTEST ACTION OF ALLIES On the Ground That It is a Violation of International Custom

Washington, March 1 .- All commer cial intercourse by sea between Ger-many and the outside world was today declared prohibited by Great Britain and France. Identical notes presented by the French and British ambassadors here informed the United States government of this drastic step by the ies in reply to Germany's war zone proclamation.

If this policy is enforced, it will no onger be possible to ship cotton, man-ifactured articles and commodities hitherto of a non-contraband character from the United States to Germany, directly or indirectly, and from the latter country the supply of dyestuffs and other merchandise for consump-tion in this country will be cut off. The impression was general in offi-cial quarters tonight that a strong protest would be made against the ac-tion of the allies, which was regarded as an unprecedented and novel step. Officials pointed out that in the re-prisals which the belligerents were making toward each other there was singular forgetfulness of the fact that, international custom as between those countries at war, this could not affect the status of international rules as between the United States and countries with which she was at peace.

ROBBERS LOCK BANK

OFFICIALS IN VAULT. Get Away With About \$1,500 at Williamsville, Mo .- Posse in Pursuit.

Williamsville, Mo., March 1.—The president, the cashier and three directors, one of them a woman, of the Willamsville State Bank, were locked in the bank yoult this afternoon by two masked robbers who escaped with about \$1.500. Bloodhounds and a posse immediately started in pursuit of the robbers.

mont, W. Va.

Fairmont, W. Va.

Three hundred men returned to work at the mines of the Jamison Coal and Coke company in the Farmington district robbers.

FOUGHT FOR BALLOT BOX

Quelled Disturbance Pending Adjustment of Wage Scale -Strike Vote Tomorrow

Barre, Vt., March 1.—Four thousand members of the granite cutters' union refused to go to the quarries and shops today, pending the acceptance of a new wage and working agreement offered by the manufacturers. Two facfor possession of the ballot box to be or possession of the ballot box to be used in taking a vote on the question of accepting the new agreement. Stones and bottles were used as weapons and several of the participants were cut and bruised. Police quelled the disturbance and the battle ended with the box in possession of officials of the union. officials of the union. Union leaders decided to defer the oting until Wednesday.

GOVERNMENT REVENUES SHOW DECIDED GAIN.

February Receipts at Treasury Depart ment Greater Than Last Year.

Washington, March 1 .- For the first time since July, government revenues for a month of the present fiscal year have beaten the pace set during the fiscal year 1914. During February the treasury department received in revenue from all sources \$43,638,272, compared with receipts in February, 1914, of \$43,633,857. Ordinary expenditures. however, amounted to \$56,137,624, leaving a net deficit for the month of about \$12,500,000. The excess of ordinary disbursements for the eight months of the fiscal year which ended yesterday over receipts for that period amounted to

Customs receipts for February amounted to \$14,293,395, or about \$3. 200,000 less than last February. nal revenue receipts ran up to \$24,625,-639, or about \$3,300,000 more than last February. Much of this increase was due to returns from the emergency

tax.

The net balance in the treasury's general fund at the end of February was \$42,636,055, and the total cash assets in the treasury \$1,975,859,376.

ELECTIONS IN TEN

CITIES IN MAINE Seven Republican and Three Demo cratic Mayors Chosen.

Portland. Maine, March 1.—Elec-tions in ten cities of the state today resulted in the choice of seven repub-licans and three democratic mayors. In Auburn, where the held for three years, the republicans elected Henry R. Porter as mayor. Other republican mayors elected are Charles M. Harrington at Rockland Martin F. Bartlett at Waterville Ed. gar M. Cherry at Eastport, Alexander C. Hagerthy at Ellsworth, James J. reatherson at Saco and Charles E.

West at South Portland.

The democratic mayors elected are John A. Small at Bath, Judge Louis J. Brandt in Lewiston, Samuel E.

BOSTON BREAD BAKERS USING CALCIUM SULPHATE. Health Inspector So Reports to Mayor

Curley. Boston, March 1 .- Bakeries in this city and New York are making bread which contains calcium sulphate, otherwise knoyn as plaster of paris or gypsum, according to a report by In-spector James O. Jordan of the board of health, made public by Mayor Cur-ley tonight. This is the mineral used in making plaster casts.
"The combination of this mixture,

even in small quaities with flour bread making, unknown to the p chaser, may be classed as a swindle, Mr. Jordon declared. He said that the addition of gypsum and ammonium cloride made loaves much larger and lighter.

ARIZONA SOLONS RESCIND ANTI-SMOKING RESOLUTION

Action Was Opposed by the Sole Wom an Member of the House. Phoenix, Ariz., March 1 .- After going

mokeless for most of the legislative session, the house of representatives of the Arizona legislature voted today to rescind the anti-smoke resolution, and the members will burn tobacco during the 11 days remaining of the session. The action was taken over the protest and vote of Mrs. Rachel Berry, the sole woman member of the The senate members have been smoking throughout the session with the approval of Senator Frances Munds, the only woman senator.

SMUGGLED CHINAMEN ARRESTED AT BINGHAMTON.

Were Found in the Cellar of a Chinese Laundry.

Binghampton, March 1.-Four China men were arrested by United States Marshal Foster Black today at noon for having been smuggled into the United Staates. They were found in the cellar of a Chinese laundry. They could give no explanation of being in hiding or lack of certificates of resi-dence. The officials believe that they have unearthed an extensive smuggling plot,

National Amphitheatre.

Washington, March 1.—Ground was broken in Arlington National Ceme-tery today for the National amphi-theatre recently authorized by congress. Worth Babley Daniels, son of the Secretary of the Navy, turned the first spadeful.

300 Miners Return to Work at Fair

Condensed Telegrams

The hamlet of La Caille, near Aix-es-Bains, France, was buried by a now avalanche.

Princeton students contributed \$1,100 to the American Ambulance Hospital in Paris.

Out of 11,600 male high school eachers in Germany, 4,000 are now serving with the army.

The old vine covered aresnal in Cenenue cutter service, died in the Herm-itage Hotel, New York.

Princeton were dropped.

Contributions amounting to \$1,469 were received by the Americaa Red Cross bringing the total to \$464,327. W. F. Delaney received word that

he had been recommended at Wash

ington for postmaster at New Britain The old vinecovered arsenal in Central Park, opposite East 64th street, i to be torn down. It was built in 1850 Chief of Police Laurent of Paris re

fused to grant permission for a revival of boxing in Paris during hostilites. An epidemic of scarlet fever developed in Hamilton, N. Y. Several stu-dents of Colgate University are victims.

The Massachusetts house of repre sentatives defeated a bill which would nake New Year's Day a legal holiday n that state.

German newspapers state that Pro-essor Fredenthal of Berlin University liscovered a means of converting

General Alejandro Rodriques, a prominent figure in the last Cuban revolution against Spain, died at his ome in Havana. Lieut. Samuel Peacock of the coast

guard cutter Miami sent in his resig-

nation because he refuses to be cinated for smallpox. A meeting of Harvard undergradu-ates will be held Thursday to debate the question of whether or not been

Seven miners accused of murdering a party of mine guards and a chauf-feur during the recent Colorado mine strike were acquitted at Pueblo, Col.

ident of the Du Pont Powder Co.

his entire holdings in that company to a syndicate connected with the con-The Holy Rollers of Jackson County

General T. Coleman du Pont, pres

III., inaugurated another crusade against sin at Grand Tower, III., and will kick the devil into the Mississip-Rudolph Berger, one of the principal

of illness contracted in the Austrian army. A Chiese boycott on all Japanese adopted in committee of the whole by a vote of 157 to 44.

China by Japan was started in San Francisco. Governor Alexander of Idaho, signed the prohibition bill. The bill makes the manufacture or sale of intoxicat-ing loquor in Idaho unlawful after ing loquor in

January 1, 1916. The National City Bank filed a suit in the Supreme Court against the city of New York, alleging the bank's stock held by shareholders has been

Improperly taxed. C. F. Stagger, marine diver, received an official permit from the War De-partment to salve the Russian sloop of war Neva. wrecked near Sitka, Alaska, with \$200,000 in gold aboard.

Fire in an oil warehouse on Central wharf, Boston, menaced other property along the Atlantic avenue waterfront, but hard work on the part of the fire-men kept the flames from spreading. Max Staudt, aged 15, of Passaic, N.

J., was arrested there after he had taken \$15 belonging to his mother to go to Philadelphia and hear Billy Sunday, and spent it at a

Copyrights of valuable law books, written by the testator, and a residuary legacy of \$25,000 were bequeathed to Harvard Law school in the will of Professor John C. Gray, of the Law

A colonel and two majors were sentenced to death by a courtmartial at Sofia, Bulgaria, on a charge of mutiny, for surrendering two Bulgarian regiments during the Rumanian invasion

A bullet wound received by Gustaf A. Frederickson during a struggle at Cambridge, Mass., with Julian Lane, resulted fatally. Lane, who claims that the shot was fired in self defense, is under arrest,

Arrangements were completed for the funeral today of Major William Arthur, U. S. A., retired, a brother of the late President Chester A. Arthur, who died at his home at Cohassett, Mass., last week.

The Investment Bankers' Associa-tion of America has decided to contest the income tax regulation, hold-ing that income received by a part-nreship is not to be considered income of the members.

The Southern Plantation Develop ment company and other creditors fli-ed an involuntary petition in bank-ruptcy at Chicago against the Alaties are given as \$168,000.

Two thousands bags of flour, worth \$18,000, which were to have been sent to the Belgians sufferers, went to the bottom of the East River when the lighter carrying them to the steamer Harpalyce at Brooklyn sank.

Governor W. S. Hammond of Min-nesota signed the county option bill recently passed by the Minnesota leg-islature providing for the disposition of the prohibition saue by countes. The law become effective immediately.

Governor Walsh announced that one of the great sheds at the Commonwealth Pier, Boston, would be opened as a shelter for the unemployed. The shed is lighted and heated and cots will be installed. It is believed more than 300 men can be accommo-

Closing Day of Congress Busy

ADMINISTRATION WORKERS ARE STRIVING FOR EXPEDITION.

HAVING NIGHT SESSIONS

Leaders of Both Houses Concentrat Efforts on Conference Reports of Unfinished Appropriation Bills-An propriations Will Total a Billion Dol

Washington, March 1.—Both houses f congress worked until late tonight, Iministration leaders straining every securce to expedite legislation that ust be enacted before adjournment

Rural credit legislation as an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill held the house in session far into the night. The senste, after devoting a second day to appropriation tangles in the \$11,000,000 Indian supply bill, laid it aside this evening for an execu-tive session and to take tive session and to take up general alendar bills

Compromise on Naval Programme. A compromise on the naval building programme was one of the important (Continued on Page Six)

FARM LOAN PLAN IN

AGRICULTURAL BILL Generally Accepted as Having Sanction of the Administration.

Washington, March 1 .- A farm loan plan was written into the agricultural appropriation bill by the house tonight after a long and vigorous fight. The rural credits amendment reported by the agricultural committee, and gener-ally accepted as having the sanction of the administration, was revised by series of amendments which revolu-tionized the proposal.

As framed in the house, the plan would provide for a system of farm loan associations formed in individual ommunities to make loans on farm mortgage notes at not more than six per cent. These associations would form federal land banks in districts corresponding to the present federal reserve districts for the purpose of dealing in the mortgages held by the association and loaning to the association upon those mortgages. In the banks the government would have a supervising and under certain circumstances a stockholding interest. They would be authorized to issue bonds based on their farm mortgage securi-

The crux of the fight in the house singers in German operas at the Man-hattan Opera House, died in New York of illness contracted in the Austricame on an amendment to authorize

ne administration proposal was substitute for the McCumber direct loans of rural credits plan incorporated in the bill in the senate. It proposed a series of farm loan associa-tions with a system of land banks under private ownership and control to handle the loans through the sale

SENATE PASSED 77

BILLS UP TO MIDNIGHT. Most of Them Were District of Columbia Relief Measures.

Washington, March 1.—The senate oiled on the calendar for two hours and a half and at midnight had passed 77 bills, the majority of them being private relief measures or of purely local interest

Consideration of the Indian appropriation was then resumed under an agreement that no other business agreement that no other business should come before the senate and that a recess should be taken at 1.30 a. m. until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Among the bills passed was a measure extending the thanks of congress to Colonel Goethals and other officers of the army and navy who have parti-

these officers one grade in rank.

Another bill passed provides for the construction or purchase of six new revenue cutters.

THE PRICE OF BEER IN AUSTRIA RAISED. ncrease Received Everywhere With

Protest-Scarcity of Food.

cipated in the construction of the Pan-ama canal. The senate amended the bill to provide for the advance of

Venice, March 1, via London, March 2.—Beginning today the price of beer throughout Austria was raised two heller (2-5 of one cent) per glass. The increase, it was reported here, was received everywhere with protest Advices received from the province of Trent are to the effect that there is much suffering there owing to a scarcity of food and that considera-ble sickness has resulted from the eating of war bread. It was added that the distress of the poor had been great-ly aggravated by the terrific snow-

many places is said to be seven fee "IF YOU WANT TO KILL A

storms in the provinces. The snow in

Quotations From Decision of Missis-Jackson, Miss. March 1.—The Mis-sippl supreme court today upheld the May-Mott-Lewis law prohibiting the

keeping of intoxicants in social clubs.

"Whiskey is a good thing in its place There is nothing like it for preserving a man when he is dead. If you want to keep a dead man put him in whiskey: if you want to kill a live man, put whiskey in him."

Girl Rescued by Firemen.

Nashua, N. H. March 1.-Fifty girls mployed at the factory of the Granite Overall Company made their way down the fire escapes to safety upon the breaking out today of a fire that destroyed the plant. a three-story brick and wood building on Water street. One girl was carried out unconscious by firemen but later was re-